

for the U.S. Air Force Academy. Not long after that, he received a telegram from the Air Force Academy saying he had been accepted. In a long and distinguished career flying transport planes for the U.S. Air Force, Ed visited all 50 States, many countries, and all 7 continents.

After his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Ed joined AVCO, which became Textron Systems Division. Assuming many roles with many jobs and titles for Textron, he worked his way up to become vice president and ombudsman, a title and job he thoroughly enjoyed.

Ed Josephson has been a strong and effective advocate for many New Hampshire veteran organizations, having served with great distinction as the chair of the legislative committee for the New Hampshire State Veterans Advisory Committee, and with the board of directors for the Military Officers Association of New Hampshire. Ed was proud of his work in the U.S. Air Force Academy Association, which was an important part of his life. He believed the values expressed in the Honor Code were the most important, and he lived his life by those values every day.

Lt. Col. Ed Josephson passed away on September 4 with his family at his side. He joins his daughter Karen Baker, who predeceased him on December 22, 2014, and leaves behind his wife, Judy Josephson, of 53 years, son Edward Andrew "Andy" Josephson from Charleston, SC, and granddaughter Monica Louise Josephson of Bayreuth, Germany, now living in Bucksport, ME, his brother Michael A. Josephson from Webster, NH, and many others. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and the family, but we are confident that they will be comforted in knowing that Ed's legacy of service and advocacy will live on across New Hampshire. We will be forever grateful that he called our great State home.●

TRIBUTE TO KRISTIN ARMSTRONG

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in congratulating fellow Idahoan Kristin Armstrong on winning the gold medal in cycling at the XXXI Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Kristin Armstrong, of Boise, ID, represented our State and Nation with distinction, winning an unprecedented third straight gold medal in the Olympic cycling individual time trial. This gold is another achievement in her remarkable cycling career. She also took home the gold in the 2012 Olympics in London and the 2008 Olympics in Beijing after competing in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. In addition to her Olympic and many other successes, Kristin has earned two gold, a silver, and a bronze medals in world championship competitions.

Kristin inspires countless others to push beyond the limits of what is thought possible. We join with her hus-

band, Joe; son, Lucas; their many friends and loved ones; and fellow Idahoans and Americans in celebrating the hard work and dedication that paid off in Rio. Congratulations, Kristin, on bringing home the gold yet again. We wish you continued success in all of your future challenges.●

TRIBUTE TO DON BERNARD

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Clark County School District special education teacher Don Bernard on receiving the Heart of Education Award. This award is truly prestigious and attained by only the most influential educators throughout our State.

The Heart of Education Award recognizes educators who have gone above and beyond for their students. The Smith Center for the Performing Arts honored 800 finalists for their exceptional service to our Nation's youth. Of those 800 finalists, 21 educators received special recognition and an outstanding commemorative Heart of Education Award for their dedication. Specifically, Mr. Bernard was recognized for his outstanding work with special education students.

Mr. Bernard began his career as an attorney, working to assist juveniles who struggled within the justice system. In 1997, he moved to Las Vegas and continued his endeavors to aid vulnerable youth as a special needs teacher. For over a decade, Mr. Bernard has been a dedicated Clark County School District educator, and he continues to better the lives of special needs children in and out of the classroom. Southern Nevada is fortunate to have someone of such dedication working on behalf of Nevada's students.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role that educators play in enriching the lives of Nevada's youth. Mr. Bernard has worked tirelessly to help prepare students across southern Nevada to succeed in their academic endeavors, and I am grateful to have him serving as an ally to future generations of Nevadans.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Mr. Bernard for his dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and congratulating him on receiving this award. I wish him well as he continues creating success for all students who enter the Clark County School District.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK AND LAURA MUNSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Patrick and Laura Munson of Sioux Falls, SD, as my nominees for the 2016 Angels in Adoption Award. Since 1999, the Angels in Adoption Program, through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, has honored over 2,000 individuals, couples, and organizations na-

tionwide for their work in providing children with loving, stable homes.

Patrick and Laura's adoption story began when Patrick was finishing up his medical residency in Arkansas. Patrick and Laura, along with their three children, Jadon, Will, and David, decided to foster Micah, a boy born premature and coping with special needs.

After hearing the statistics on children in foster homes, Patrick and Laura did not give a second thought; they knew that fostering Micah would give him the best chance to succeed. Soon after, the Munsons adopted Micah.

While the Munson family will tell you that raising a child who has spent time in foster care can sometimes present its challenges, they fully and wholeheartedly embrace their life with Micah.

Each year, awardees from all 50 States, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, are invited to come together in Washington, DC, to participate in events that celebrate their heroic actions and enable them to use their personal experience to effect change on a national level.

It is important that we recognize families like the Munsons who fulfill the roles of foster and adoptive parents. They open their hearts and homes to children in need of loving families. These families have bestowed a gift onto others in an immeasurable way, and the impact of their love is profound. It brings me great pride to honor Patrick and Laura as my nominees for the 2016 Angels in Adoption Award.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2357. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-3 so as to add listing and registration of a class of common equity securities on a national securities exchange as an additional basis for satisfying the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1. of such form and to remove such listing and registration as a requirement of General Instruction I.B.6. of such form.